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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

HEADQUARTERS, U. S. ARMY DENTAL ACTIVITY
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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL DENTAC PERSONNEL

SUBJECT: U.S. Army Dental Activity (DENTAC) Policy Memorandum
#00-02 -- Policy on Implant Maintenance and Follow-up Care

1. All providers who render implant services will have appropriate credentials and privileges. The minimal requirement for privileging a dentist is the completion of a formal residency program that includes implantology or attendance at an approved continuing education (CE) course in implantology. Hygienists will be equipped with proper implant prophylaxis instruments.
2. The prosthodontist or a designated comprehensive dentist will be responsible for proper screening and referral of prospective implant patients to the William Beaumont Army Medical Center Dental Implant Program. This will include basic patient education about dental implants and the implant process, appointing the patient with WBAMC for implant evaluation and selection, and ensuring the patient referral is complete (diagnostic casts, radiographs).
3. The DENCOM Implant Depository will be utilized for prosthodontic instruments and equipment for implant maintenance and follow-up care. If items are not available from the depository, only the "repair" items will be ordered. This ensures the efficient use of dental implant resources.
4. The Implant Officer is responsible for the preparation of the annual report. The report will cover the period 1 January - 31 December, and is due to the Great Plains Regional Dental Command NLT 1 March. Format for the report is attached to the DENCOM Policy Letter 99-01, Use of Dental Implants.

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